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SUBJECT: KORNIYENKO AND ARBATOV ON SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS ON
PRESIDENT CARTER

1. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE PRESIDENT OLIN ROBISON INFOMRS US OF THE FOLLOWING IN TWO CONVERSATIONS, THE FIRST WITH ARBATOV ON JUNE 28, THE SECOND WITH KORNIYENKO ON JULY 6. IN BOTH ROBISON STATED THAT MANY IN WASHINGTON HAVE INTERPRETED SOME ITEMS APPEARING DURING THE LAST 6-8 WEEKS IN THE SOVIET PRESS AS PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT. ROBISON TOLD BOTH, "IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT APPRECIATE THAT."

2. ARBATOV'S REPLY WAS SOMEWHAT ADMISSIVE, SAYING THAT HE WAS SURE NO DIRECTIVE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ATTACK THE PRESIDENT BUT NEITHER HAD THERE BEEN A DIRECTIVE TO HOLD BACK; PERHAPS SOME SOVIET JOURNALISTS HAD INADVERTENTLY EXCEEDED THE LIMITS OF PROPRIETY.

3. KORNIYENKO, HOWEVER, REPLIED THAT SUCH AN INTERPRETATION WAS THE FAULT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND BRZEZINSKI'S STAFF. THERE NEITHER IS, NOR HAS BEEN, ANY SOVIET INTENTIONS TO ATTACK THE PRESIDENT, ONLY HIS POLICIES. HE ADDED
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THAT SINCE THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT READ RUSSIAN, HE IS REGRETTABLY DEPENDENT ON THESE INTERPRETATIONS.

4. ROBISON FELT, NONETHELESS, THAT THE MESSAGE HAD ONCE AGAIN BEEN MADE AND UNDERSTOOD.

5. ROBISON HAS CLEARED THE ABOVE IN DRAFT.

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